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SAUGUS CHARTER COMMISSION
– JULY 10, 2008-
Step 3 – Develop Possible Solutions

Government Model <u>COUNCIL / MANAGER</u> (number, title, or phrase)

	Your Description (brief narrative so that others will be able to understand what you have in mind)
Executive	A sub-committee would be formed to help select a qualified manager. They would report to the councilors at large who will approve the final appointment of the manager. The manager would be in charge of the day to day operation of the town with the hiring and firing of Department heads with the approval of the council.
Legislative	There would be a 50 member body of councilors that 20 would be elected at large and 3 per precinct for precinct representation, for a three year, staggered terms. One separate person would run has Chairperson for both the council and the school committee and will only be able to run and serve in that one seat for one year. Sub-Committees would be formed within the council. Boards and Committees will be appointed by the council and will give updated monthly reports to the council, with the exception of the Finance Committee.
School Committee	The School Committee will be elected for a three year, staggered term. The elected Chairperson will serve on this board.
Elections	All elected offices will have staggered, three year terms. Elections will be held in the spring.
Finance	The Finance Committee would be an appointed board with staggered three year terms. A sub-committee consisting of the elected chairperson, # of School Committee and a # of the Council with a # of residence that would appoint this committee. The finance committee would be able to hire a comptroller.
Budget	All department heads will come up with a preliminary budget by a certain date and submit it to the manager. The manager will compile this budget and will present it to the Finance Committee by a certain date who in turn will present it to the Council for adoption by a certain date.